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To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

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Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare and Medicaid
5 Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2019”.

**6 SEC. 2. DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH CARE UNDER MEDI-
7 CARE.**

8 (a) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se-
9 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (GG), by striking “and”
2 after the semicolon at the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (HH), by adding “and”
4 after the semicolon at the end; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 paragraph:

7 “(II) dental and oral health services (as defined
8 in subsection (kkk));”.

9 (b) DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES DE-
10 FINED.—Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42
11 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing new subsection:

13 “Dental and Oral Health Services

14 “(kkk) The term ‘dental and oral health services’
15 means—

16 “(1) routine dental cleanings and exams;

17 “(2) basic dental services, such as fillings and
18 crowns;

19 “(3) major dental services, such as root canals,
20 and extractions;

21 “(4) emergency dental care; and

22 “(5) other necessary services related to dental
23 or oral health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

24 (c) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is
3 amended—

4 (A) by striking “and” before “(CC)”; and
5 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
6 the end the following: “, and (DD) with respect
7 to dental and oral health services (as defined in
8 section 1861(kkk)), the amount paid shall be
9 the payment amount specified under section
10 1834(x)”.
11 (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section
12 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m)
13 is amended by adding at the end the following new
14 subsection:

15 “(x) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR DENTAL AND ORAL
16 HEALTH SERVICES.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
18 under this part for dental and oral health services
19 (as defined in section 1861(kkk)) shall be, subject to
20 paragraph (3), the applicable percent (specified in
21 paragraph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for
22 the services or the amount determined under the
23 payment basis determined under section 1848.

1 “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of
2 paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in
3 this paragraph is—

4 “(A) for the first year beginning at least 6
5 months after the date of the enactment of this
6 subsection, 0 percent;

7 “(B) for the year following the year speci-
8 fied in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent
9 year through the seventh year following the
10 year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-
11 ble percent specified in this paragraph for the
12 previous year increased by 10 percentage
13 points; and

14 “(C) for the eighth year following the year
15 specified in subparagraph (A) and each subse-
16 quent year, 80 percent.

17 “(3) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHOR-
18 ITY.—

19 “(A) FREQUENCY.—With respect to dental
20 and oral health services that are—

21 “(i) routine dental cleanings, payment
22 may be made under this part for only two
23 such cleanings during a 12-month period;
24 and

1 “(ii) routine exams, payment may be
2 made under this part for only two such
3 exams during a 12-month period.

4 “(B) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

5 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
6 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may
7 apply such other reasonable limitations on
8 the extent to which dental and oral services
9 are covered under this part, including
10 through application of a prior authoriza-
11 tion requirement.

12 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-
13 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
14 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-
15 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-
16 ify the coverage under this part of dental
17 and oral health services to the extent that
18 such modification is consistent with the
19 recommendations of the United States Pre-
20 ventive Services Task Force.”.

21 (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—
22 Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1395w-4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting “(2)(II),” before
24 “(3)”.

25 (e) DENTURES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(8) of the
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(8)) is
3 amended—

4 (A) by striking “(other than dental)” and
5 inserting “(including dentures)”; and
6 (B) by striking “internal body”.

7 (2) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES.—Section
8 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(23) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR DENTURES.—
12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
13 under this part for dentures shall be, subject to
14 subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (speci-
15 fied in subparagraph (B)) of the amount other-
16 wise payable for such dentures under this sec-
17 tion.

18 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-
19 poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
20 cent specified in this subparagraph is—

21 “(i) for the first year beginning at
22 least 6 months after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;
24 “(ii) for the year following the year
25 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent

1 year through the seventh year following the
2 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
3 percent specified in this subparagraph for
4 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
5 age points; and

6 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
7 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
8 quent year, 80 percent.

9 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-
10 THORITY.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be
12 made under this part for an individual
13 for—

14 “(I) not more than one full upper
15 and one full lower denture once every
16 five years; and

17 “(II) not more than one partial
18 upper denture and one partial lower
19 denture once every five years.

20 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

21 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
22 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary
23 may apply such other reasonable limi-
24 tations on the extent to which den-
25 tures are covered under this part, in-

13 (f) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—Section
14 1862(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y) is
15 amended by striking paragraph (12).

16 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
18 January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 SEC. 3. VISION CARE UNDER MEDICARE.

21 (a) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se-
22 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as amended by section
23 2(a), is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (HH), by striking “and”
25 after the semicolon at the end;

1 (2) in subparagraph (II), by adding “and” after
2 the semicolon at the end; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 paragraph:

5 “(JJ) vision services (as defined in subsection
6 (lII));”.

7 (b) VISION SERVICES DEFINED.—Section 1861 of
8 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x), as amended
9 by section 2(b), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “Vision Services

12 “(lII) The term ‘vision services’ means—

13 “(1) routine eye examinations and procedures
14 performed (during the course of any eye examina-
15 tion) to determine the refractive state of the eyes;
16 and

17 “(2) other necessary services related to eye and
18 vision health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

19 (c) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the
21 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as
22 amended by section 2(c)(1), is amended—

23 (A) by striking “and” before “(DD)”; and

24 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
25 the end the following: “, and (EE) with respect

1 to vision services (as defined in section
2 1861(ll)), the amount paid shall be the pay-
3 ment amount specified under section 1834(w)’.

4 (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section
5 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m),
6 as amended by section 2(c)(2), is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(y) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR VISION SERVICES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
10 under this part for vision services (as defined in sec-
11 tion 1861(ll)) shall be, subject to paragraph (3), the
12 applicable percent (specified in paragraph (2)) of the
13 lesser of the actual charge for the services or the
14 amount determined under the payment basis deter-
15 mined under section 1848.

16 “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of
17 paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in
18 this paragraph is—

19 “(A) for the first year beginning at least 6
20 months after the date of the enactment of this
21 subsection, 0 percent;

22 “(B) for the year following the year speci-
23 fied in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent
24 year through the seventh year following the
25 year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-

1 ble percent specified in this paragraph for the
2 previous year increased by 10 percentage
3 points; and

4 “(C) for the eighth year following the year
5 specified in subparagraph (A) and each subse-
6 quent year, 80 percent.

7 “(3) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHOR-
8 ITY.—

9 “(A) FREQUENCY.—With respect to rou-
10 tine eye exams, payment may be made under
11 this part for only one such exam during a 12-
12 month period.

13 “(B) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

14 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
15 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may
16 apply other reasonable limitations on the
17 extent to which vision services are covered
18 under this part, including through applica-
19 tion of a prior authorization requirement.

20 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-
21 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
22 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-
23 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-
24 ify the coverage under this part of vision
25 services to the extent that such modifica-

1 tion is consistent with the recommendations
2 of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.”.

4 (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—
5 Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395w-4(j)(3)), as amended by section 2(d), is amended
7 by inserting “(2)(JJ),” after “(2)(II),”.

8 (e) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES FOR EYEGLASSES,
9 CONTACT LENSES, AND LOW VISION DEVICES.—Section
10 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)),
11 as amended by section 2(e)(2), is amended by adding at
12 the end the following new paragraphs:

13 “(24) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR EYEGLASSES
14 AND CONTACT LENSES.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
16 under this part for eyeglass lenses, eyeglass
17 frames, and contact lenses shall be, subject to
18 subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (speci-
19 fied in subparagraph (B)) of the amount other-
20 wise payable for such eyeglass lenses, eyeglass
21 frames, and contact lenses, respectively, under
22 this section.

23 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-
24 poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
25 cent specified in this subparagraph is—

1 “(i) for the first year beginning at
2 least 6 months after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

4 “(ii) for the year following the year
5 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
6 year through the seventh year following the
7 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
8 percent specified in this subparagraph for
9 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
10 age points; and

11 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
12 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
13 quent year, 80 percent.

14 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-
15 THORITY.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be
17 made under this part (other than for
18 eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8))
19 for an individual for—

20 “(I) not more than one pair of
21 eyeglass lenses during any 12-month
22 period;

23 “(II) not more than one set of
24 eyeglass frames during any 24-month
25 period; and

1 “(III) contact lenses, only to the
2 extent that the sum of such payments
3 for contact lenses does not exceed a
4 limitation of \$200 during any 24-
5 month period beginning during the
6 first year beginning at least six
7 months after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this paragraph (or, beginning
9 during a subsequent year, such limita-
10 tion for a 24-month period beginning
11 in the previous year increase by an
12 appropriate inflation adjustment spec-
13 ified by the Secretary).

14 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

15 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
16 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary
17 may apply such other reasonable limi-
18 tations on the extent to which eye-
19 glass lenses, eyeglass frames, and con-
20 tact lenses are covered under this
21 part, including through application of
22 a prior authorization requirement.

23 “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY
24 COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any
25 other provision of this title, if the Sec-

1 retary determines appropriate, the
2 Secretary may modify the coverage
3 under this part of eyeglass lenses, eye-
4 glass frames, and contact lenses to
5 the extent that such modification is
6 consistent with the recommendations
7 of the United States Preventive Serv-
8 ices Task Force.

9 “(25) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR LOW VISION
10 DEVICES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
12 under this part for low vision devices shall be,
13 subject to subparagraph (C), the applicable per-
14 cent (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the
15 amount otherwise payable for low vision devices
16 under this section.

17 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-
18 poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
19 cent specified in this subparagraph is—

20 “(i) for the first year beginning at
21 least 6 months after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

23 “(ii) for the year following the year
24 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
25 year through the seventh year following the

1 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
2 percent specified in this subparagraph for
3 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
4 age points; and

5 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
6 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
7 quent year, 80 percent.

8 “(C) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

9 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY LIMITA-
10 TIONS.—The Secretary may apply reason-
11 able limitations on the extent to which low
12 vision devices are covered under this part,
13 including through application of a prior
14 authorization requirement.

15 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-
16 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
17 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-
18 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-
19 ify the coverage under this part of low vi-
20 sion devices to the extent that such modi-
21 fication is consistent with the recomenda-
22 tions of the United States Preventive Serv-
23 ices Task Force.

24 “(D) LOW VISION DEVICE DEFINED.—In
25 this paragraph, the term ‘low vision device’

1 means a device, prescribed by a physician, that
2 magnifies, enhances, or otherwise augments or
3 interprets visual images irrespective of the size,
4 form, or technological features of such device
5 and does not include ordinary eyeglasses or con-
6 tact lenses. In the previous sentence, the term
7 ‘ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses’ means
8 lenses that are intended to fully correct visual
9 acuity or fully eliminate refractive error.”.

10 (f) DEFINITION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

11 To INCLUDE EYEGLASSES, CONTACT LENSES, AND LOW
12 VISION DEVICES.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Security
13 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “and” before “eye tracking” and
15 inserting a comma; and

16 (2) by inserting “, and eyeglass lenses, low vi-
17 sion devices (as defined in section 1834(a)(25)), eye-
18 glass frames, and contact lenses” before “; except”.

19 (g) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—Section
20 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 1395y(a)(7)) is amended by striking “, eyeglasses (other
22 than eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8)) or eye ex-
23 aminations for the purpose of prescribing, fitting, or
24 changing eyeglasses, procedures performed (during the

1 course of any eye examination) to determine the refractive
2 state of the eyes".

3 (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
5 January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

7 **SEC. 4. HEARING CARE UNDER MEDICARE.**

8 (a) COVERAGE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the
10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as
11 amended by sections 2(a) and 3(a), is amended—

12 (A) in subparagraph (II), by striking
13 “and” at the end;

14 (B) in subparagraph (JJ), by inserting
15 “and” at the end; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new
17 subparagraph:

18 “(KK) audiology services (as defined in sub-
19 section (ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in
20 subsection (ll)(5));”.

21 (2) HEARING SERVICES DEFINED.—Section
22 1861(ll) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1395x(ll)) is amended—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
2 “; HEARING SERVICES” after “AUDIOLOGY
3 SERVICES”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(5) The term ‘hearing services’ means—

7 “(A) routine hearing exams and exams for
8 hearing aids; and

9 “(B) other necessary services related to hearing
10 health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

11 (b) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as
14 amended by sections 2(c)(1) and 3(c)(91), is amend-
15 ed—

16 (A) by striking “and” before “(EE)”; and

17 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
18 the end the following: “, and (FF) with respect
19 to audiology services (as defined in section
20 1861(l)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in
21 section 1861(l)(5)), the amount paid shall be
22 the payment amount specified under section
23 1834(x)”.

24 (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section
25 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m),

1 as amended by sections 2(c)(2) and 3(c)(2), is
2 amended by adding at the end the following new
3 subsection:

4 “(z) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR HEARING SERV-
5 ICES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
7 under this part for audiology services (as defined in
8 section 1861(ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined
9 in section 1861(ll)(5)), shall be, subject to para-
10 graph (3), the applicable percent (specified in para-
11 graph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for the
12 services or the amount determined under the pay-
13 ment basis determined under section 1848.

14 “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of
15 paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in
16 this paragraph is—

17 “(A) for the first year beginning at least 6
18 months after the date of the enactment of this
19 subsection, 0 percent;

20 “(B) for the year following the year speci-
21 fied in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent
22 year through the seventh year following the
23 year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-
24 ble percent specified in this paragraph for the

1 previous year increased by 10 percentage
2 points; and

3 “(C) for the eighth year following the year
4 specified in subparagraph (A) and each subse-
5 quent year, 80 percent.

6 “(3) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

7 “(A) AUTHORITY TO APPLY LIMITA-
8 TIONS.—The Secretary may apply reasonable
9 limitations on the extent to which audiology
10 services and hearing services are covered under
11 this part, including through application of a
12 prior authorization requirement.

13 “(B) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COVERAGE.—
14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this
15 title, if the Secretary determines appropriate,
16 the Secretary may modify the coverage under
17 this part of audiology services and hearing serv-
18 ices to the extent that such modification is con-
19 sistent with the recommendations of the United
20 States Preventive Services Task Force.”.

21 (c) PAYMENT UNDER THE PHYSICIAN FEE SCHED-
22 ULE.—Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
23 U.S.C. 1395w-4(j)(3)), as amended by sections 2(d) and
24 3(d), is amended by inserting “(2)(KK),” after
25 “(2)(JJ),”.

1 (d) HEARING AIDS.—

2 (1) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—

3 Section 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(7)), as amended by section 3(g), is
5 amended by striking “, hearing aids or examinations
6 therefor.”.

7 (2) DEFINITION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIP-
8 MENT TO INCLUDE HEARING AIDS.—Section 1861(n)
9 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)), as
10 amended by section 3(f), is amended by inserting
11 “hearing aids,” before “and eyeglass lenses”.

12 (3) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES FOR HEARING
13 AIDS.—Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)), as amended by sections
15 2(e)(2) and 3(e), is amended by adding at the end
16 the following new paragraph:

17 “(26) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR HEARING
18 AIDS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
20 under this part for hearing aids shall be, sub-
21 ject to subparagraph (C), the applicable percent
22 (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount
23 otherwise payable for hearing aids under this
24 section.

1 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-
2 poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
3 cent specified in this subparagraph is—

4 “(i) for the first year beginning at
5 least 6 months after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

7 “(ii) for the year following the year
8 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
9 year through the seventh year following the
10 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
11 percent specified in this subparagraph for
12 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
13 age points; and

14 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
15 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
16 quent year, 80 percent.

17 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-
18 THORITY.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be
20 made under this part for an individual for
21 not more than one hearing aid per ear dur-
22 ing a 48-month period.

23 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

24 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
25 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary

1 may apply additional limitations on
2 the extent to which hearing aids are
3 covered under this part, including
4 through application of a prior author-
5 ization requirement and through ap-
6 plication of criteria for a minimum
7 level of hearing loss for coverage of an
8 initial or replacement hearing aid.

9 “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY
10 COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any
11 other provision of this title, if the Sec-
12 retary determines appropriate, the
13 Secretary may modify the coverage
14 under this part of hearing aids to the
15 extent that such modification is con-
16 sistent with the recommendations of
17 the United States Preventive Services
18 Task Force.”.

19 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
21 January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 5. INCREASED FMAP FOR COVERAGE OF DENTAL AND**
2 **ORAL HEALTH CARE, VISION, CARE, AND**
3 **HEARING CARE UNDER MEDICAID.**

4 Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1396d) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (10), by inserting “,
8 which may include any dental and oral health
9 service (as defined in section 1861(kkk))” after
10 “dental services”;

11 (B) in paragraph (13)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;
13 and” and inserting a semicolon;

14 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
15 the semicolon and inserting “; and”; and

16 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing new subparagraph:

18 “(D) any service that is a vision service (as
19 defined in section 1861(l)) or a hearing service
20 (as defined in section 1861(l)(5)); and

21 (C) in paragraph (29), by realigning the
22 left margin so as to align with the left margin
23 of paragraph (28); and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 section:

1 “(ff) INCREASED FMAP FOR EXPENDITURES FOR
2 DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES, VISION SERV-
3 ICES, AND HEARING SERVICES.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
5 (b), the Federal medical assistance percentage with
6 respect to amounts expended by a State for medical
7 assistance for services described in paragraph (2)
8 shall be equal to 90 percent.

9 “(2) SERVICES DESCRIBED.—A service de-
10 scribed in this paragraph is any service that—

11 “(A) is furnished on or after January 1 of
12 the first calendar year that begins at least 6
13 months after the date of the enactment of this
14 subsection;

15 “(B) is not furnished to an individual who
16 is—

17 “(i) under the age of 21; and
18 “(ii) eligible for medical assistance for
19 the services described in subsection
20 (a)(4)(B); and

21 “(C) is—

22 “(i) a dental and oral health service
23 (as defined in section 1861(kkk));

24 “(ii) a vision service (as defined in
25 section 1861(lll)); or

- 1 “(iii) a hearing service (as defined in
2 section 1861(ll)(5)).”.

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